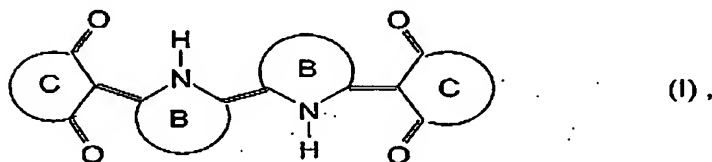


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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1). (Previously Presented) A compound of the formula (I)

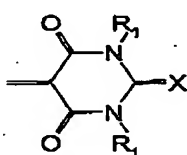


wherein C is an alicyclic or heterocyclic group having C_{2v} symmetry

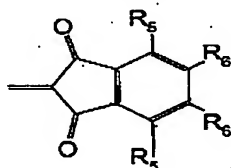
and B is ortho- C_6 - C_{18} arylene.

2). (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein B is ortho-phenylene or 2,3-naphthylene.

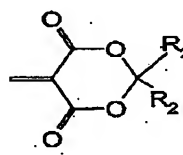
3). (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ring C is a ring system of the formulae (a) to (d)



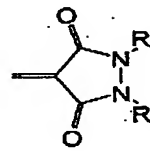
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

wherein R_1 and R_2 independently of one another are hydrogen, C_1 - C_{25} alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{24} aryl, C_1 - C_{25} alkyl- (C_6-C_{10}) -aryl, a heteroaromatic radical having 1,

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2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S, $-(CH_2)_n-COR_3$ and $-(CH_2)_m-OR_4$,

in which R_3 is hydroxyl, unsubstituted or mono- or poly-hydroxyl- or amino-substituted C_1-C_{25} alkoxy; C_1-C_{25} alkylamino, di- $(C_1-C_{25}$ alkyl)amino, C_1-C_{25} alkyl- C_6-C_{24} arylamino, $(C_6-C_{24}$ aryl)amino, di- $(C_6-C_{24}$ aryl)amino or C_2-C_{24} alkenyloxy, and R_4 is hydrogen or $-CO-(C_1-C_{25}$ alkyl), and n and m independently of one another are an integer from 0 to 6, , and wherein in R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 a C-C unit can, optionally be replaced by an ether unit C-O-C, and X is =O, =S or =NR₂,

and R_5 and R_6 independently of one another are hydrogen, halogen, CN, R_1 , OR_1 , SR_1 , NR_1R_2 , NO_2 , $SO_2(OR_1)$, SO_2R_1 , $SO_2NR_1R_2$ or $PO_2(OR_1)$.

4). (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in one claim 1, wherein R_1 and R_2 are identical or different and are hydrogen, C_1-C_{18} alkyl, benzyl, C_6-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl, pyridyl, pyrrol, thienyl, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, pyrimidyl, hydroxycarbonyl- C_0-C_{18} alkyl, C_1-C_{18} alkoxycarbonyl- C_0-C_{18} alkyl, aminocarbonyl- C_0-C_{18} alkyl, C_1-C_{18} alkylaminocarbonyl- C_0-C_{18} alkyl, C_6-C_{10} arylaminocarbonyl- C_0-

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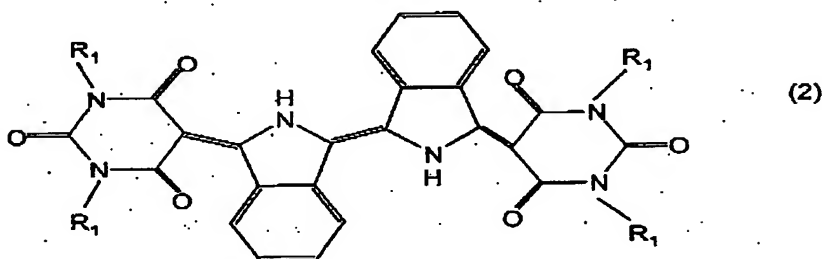
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C₁₈ alkyl, di(C₁-C₁₈ alkyl)-aminocarbonyl-C₀-C₁₈ alkyl, C₁-C₁₈ alkyl-C₆-C₁₀-arylamino carbonyl-C₀-C₁₈ alkyl or di(C₆-C₁₀-aryl)-aminocarbonyl-C₀-C₁₈ alkyl.

5). (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R₅ and R₆ are identical or different and are hydrogen, Cl, Br, C₁-C₁₈ alkyl, C₅-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₀ aryl, benzyl, pyridyl, pyrrol, thienyl, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, pyrimidyl, C₁-C₁₈ alkoxy, C₆-C₁₀ aryloxy, C₁-C₁₈ alkylthio, C₆-C₁₀ arylthio, C₁-C₁₈ alkylamino, C₆-C₁₀ arylamino, di(C₁-C₁₈ alkyl)-amino, C₁-C₁₈ alkyl-C₆-C₁₀-arylamino, di(C₆-C₁₀-aryl)amino, SO₃H, C₁-C₁₈ alkoxysulfonyl, C₁-C₁₈ alkylsulfonyl or di(C₁-C₁₈ alkyl)-aminosulfonyl.

6). (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 3, wherein the compound of formula (I) is of the formula (2) or (3)

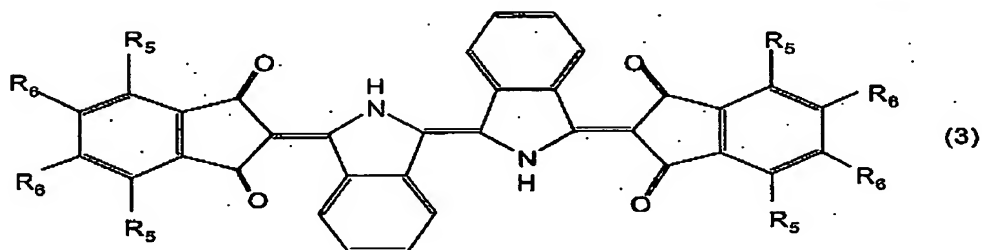


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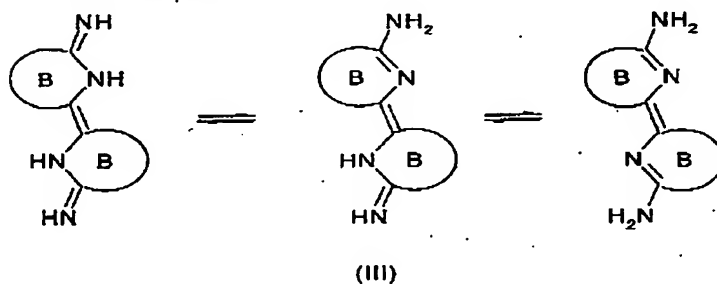
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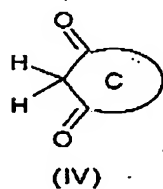
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7). (Previously Presented) A process for preparing a compound as claimed in claim 1, comprising the step of condensing a compound of the formula (III)



with at least 2 mole equivalents of a cyclic compound of the formula (IV)



8). (Previously Presented) An organic or inorganic material of high or low molecular mass comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1.

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9).(Previously Presented) A composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein the composition is in the form of a oil-based paint water-based paint, varnish, camouflage paint, spin colored article, plastic, printing ink, colored paper, colored seed, powder coating material, ink jet ink, microemulsion ink or hot melt process ink.

10).(Previously Presented) A colorant for electrophotographic toners, electrophotographic developers or electronic inks comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1.

11).(Previously Presented) A composition comprising an organic or inorganic material of high or low molecular mass and a compound as claimed in claim 1, in an amount of 0.005 to 70% by weight, based on the organic or inorganic material.

12).(Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 3 $[[1]]$, wherein n and m independently of one another are 1 to 4.

13).(Previously Presented) An organic material of high molecular mass comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1.

14).(Previously Presented) An optical layer for optical data storage comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1.

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15).(Previously Presented)A color filter comprising a compound as claimed in claim

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